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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
11 for the use and benefit of
12 PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING,
INC.,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CLARK CONSTRUCTION
GROUP, LLC, et al.,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-0960JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

17 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District
18 Judge. (Min. Order (Dkt. # 12).) All future documents filed in this case must bear the
19 cause number C19-0960JLR-MLP. The court has reviewed the files and records herein
20 and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge
21 as described below.
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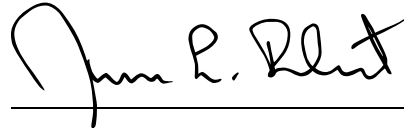
1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby
2 refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson all motions related to motions to amend
3 or supplement the pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions
4 related to discovery disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery,
5 motions for a protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of
6 privilege. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal
7 Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Michelle L.
8 Peterson's rulings concerning the above-described motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a);
9 Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court
11 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for preparation of a report
12 and recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal
13 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule
14 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
15 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).
16 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil
17 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge
18 Michelle L. Peterson files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local
19 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

20 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to
21 Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for the specific purposes and types of motions
22 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge

1 Michelle L. Peterson to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent
2 with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

3 Dated this 4th day of December, 2019.

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6 JAMES L. ROBART
7 United States District Judge
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